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"Premier Kim Il Sung's Political Programme Is of Great International Significance"

Newspapers, news agencies and radio stations of various countries are widely reporting about the reappointment as Premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the 40 million Korean people, peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious iron-willed commander and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist movement and working-class movement, who founded the glorious Workers' Party of Korea and the fatherland—the DPRK—and has led the Korean revolution steadfastly along the road of victory for over 40 years, taking upon himself the destiny of the country and the nation.

They are also widely reporting the Political Programme of the DPRK Government announced by him on Dec. 16 last year at the First Session of the Fourth Supreme People's Assembly, entitled "Let Us Embody More Thoroughly the Revolutionary Spirit of Independence, Self-Sustenance and Self-Defence in All Fields of State Activity."

Vietnam

Under the title, "Premier Kim Il Sung Reaffirms Support to Vietnam," the *Vietnam News Agency* in Hanoi on Dec. 20 reported the content of the Political Programme of the DPRK Government.

The News Agency quoted, with particular emphasis, the passage of the Political Programme in which Premier Kim Il Sung expressed the firm and strong support of the DPRK Government and the entire Korean people to the just resistance war of the Vietnamese people against U.S. imperialism and for national salvation, stressing that it is the primary task of the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle at the present stage to check and foil U.S. imperialist aggression in Vietnam and support the Vietnamese people in every way in their just resistance war against U.S. imperialism and for national salvation.

The Vietnam daily *Thoi Moi* on the same day reported the content of the Political Programme of the DPRK Government.

Rumania

The 52nd issue of the Rumanian journal *Lumea* carried a portrait of Premier Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the 40 million Korean people, informing the readers of his reappointment as Premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK.

The journal also introduced the Political Programme. It gave a detailed account, among other things, of the Workers' Party of Korea's line of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence and its principled stand for forcing the U.S. imperialist aggressors out of South Korea, liberating South Korea and unifying the fatherland and its independent foreign policy.

The Dec. 17 issue of *Scinteia* and recent issues of *Rumania Libera*, *Scinteia Tineretului* and *Munca* also reported the same news.

UAR

UAR paper *Le Journal d'Egypte* on Dec. 20 carried, together with a portrait of Premier Kim Il Sung, an article captioned, "Marshal Kim Il Sung Reappointed as Premier of the Cabinet, the Spirit of Independence, Self-Sustenance and Self-Defence Underscored in the Political Programme of the Government."

It was particularly stressed in the foreword that Premier Kim Il Sung's ideas of winning political, military and economic liberation have a great influence upon the peoples of the three continents who have not yet realized their aspiration, the Arab peoples in particular, and his name is widely known among the UAR people.

Pointing out that at the time of the Middle East crisis last June, the Korean people under the leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader, firmly stood on the side of the UAR people opposing the U.S. imperialists and the Israeli aggressors, the paper wrote in the foreword that the UAR people enthusiastically welcome Marshal Kim Il Sung's reappointment as Premier of the Cabinet.

The Political Programme of the DPRK Government is of great significance not only in Korea but internationally, stressed the foreword.

Algeria

Algerian paper *Algerie Actualite* in a recent issue carried a gist of the Political Programme.

In the foreword, the paper wrote that Premier Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader, stressed in the Political Programme that the Government of the DPRK would carry through with all consistency the line of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence.

The paper underscored the following parts: **"From the first days of the founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, we have consistently affirmed that we would promote friendly relations with all countries which oppose imperialist aggression, respect the liberty and independence of our people and desire to establish state relations with our country on an equal footing, and we will, in the future too, continue to hold fast to this principle in the field of foreign policy."**

Writing that the Korean people take the idea of *Juche* as the principle guiding their activity in carrying out the immediate tasks put before the political, economic, cultural and military fields, the Algerian paper *El-Moudjahid* stressed on Jan 10 that they are struggling to more thoroughly embody the revolutionary spirit of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence in all fields of state activity.

The paper quoted the words from the Political Programme: **" Only by firmly establishing Juche, can each country repudiate flunkeyism and dogmatism and creatively apply the universal truth of Marxism-Leninism and the experience of other countries to suit its historical conditions and national peculiarities, discard the spirit of relying on others and solve its own questions entirely for itself on its own responsibility by displaying the spirit of self-reliance, and accordingly, carry on its revolutionary cause and construction work with success."**

Japan

The Jan. 18 issue of *Akahata*, the organ of the Central Committee of the Japan Communist Party, reported that Marshal Kim Il Sung was reappointed as Premier of the DPRK Cabinet and announced the 10-point Political Programme of the DPRK Government.

The paper said that the 10-point Political Programme summed up the brilliant successes the Korean people achieved in the revolution and socialist construction under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea and made clear the programmatic tasks for the entire Korean people to consolidate the revolutionaly base in the northern half of the Republic, politically, economically and militarily and it convert into a steel-like fortress and to accomplish the independent unification of Korea and the nation-wide victory of the Korean revolution.

The Jan. 17 issue of *the Mainichi Shimbun* and other Japanese dailies *the Asahi Shimbun*, *the Yomiuri Shimbun* and *the Nippon Keizai Shimbun* reported the announcement of the Political Programme.

Tanzanian newspaper "Mfanya Kazi" carrying together with the portrait of Premier Kim Il Sung, an article entitled "Premier Kim Il Sung Is the Outstanding Leader of Revolution" highly praising the brilliant achievements made by the Korean people in socialist construction under his outstanding leadership.

Congratulations to Premier Kim Il Sung

More and more telegrams of greetings are coming from the following leaders of various countries to Marshal Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and President Choi Yong Kun of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK in connection with the former's reappointment as Premier and the latter's re-election to Presidency.

* **A Noumazalay**, Premier of the Republic of the Congo (B).
* **Abdule Rahman Mohammed Arif**, President of the Republic of Iraq.
* **Shapik Arshidat**, Secretary General of the Arab Lawyers' Association.
* All-African Trade Union Federation.
* **Dr. Fawzi El Aid**, General Secretary of the International Federation of Arab Trade Unions.
* Mozambique Liberation Front.
* **H.M.P. Mohidin**, Secretary of Ceylon-People's Korea Friendship Society.
* **U Aung Lwin**, Chairman of the Burma-Korea Friendship Society.
* **C. Bram Picashi**, President, and **R.K. Agrawal**, Secretary, of the India Korea Cultural Society.
* The Ceylonese Journalists' Association.
* Latin-American University Students Organization.
* Zimbabwe African National Union.
* **Poorem Bahadur Kansakar**, Chairman of the Nepal-Korea Friendship Society.
* South-West Africa People's Organization.
* Zimbabwe African People's Union.
* The United Supreme Command of the National Liberation Front and the Armed Forces of National Liberation of Venezuela.
* **Danielgouafo Mobandimezo**, Representative of the People's Idea Party of Equatorial Guinea in the United Arab Republic.

Political Program of DPRK Gov't Announced by Premier Kim Il Sung Published in Book Form

PYONGYANG Jan. 8 (KCNA)—The Publishing House of the Workers' Party of Korea put out in a book form the Political Programme of the Government of the Republic, "Let Us Embody More Thoroughly the Revolutionary Spirit of Independence, Self-Sustenance and Self-Defence in All Fields of State Activity," announced by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the 40 million Korean people, at the First Session of the Fourth Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The 10-point Political Programme of Comrade Kim Il Sung is a programmatic document thoroughly embodying our Party's ideas of *Juche* and revolutionary spirit of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence, a militant programme for more solidifying our people's power, further accelerating socialist construction in the northern half of the Republic and bringing earlier the nation-wide victory of the Korean revolution and a great revolutionary document enriching the treasure house of Marxism-Leninism.

In the historic Political Programme, Comrade Kim Il Sung referred to the great successes made in the socialist revolution and socialist construction in the past period and stressed that all these great successes are the fruition of thorough implementation of our Party's ideas of *Juche* and the line of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence, their embodiment in all fields. He put forth tasks of thoroughly implementing the ideas of *Juche* and the revolutionary line in future.

In the historic Political Programme, Comrade Kim Il Sung put forth in 10 points the immediate political, economic, cultural and military tasks on whose fulfilment the Government of the Republic should concentrate all its efforts proceeding from the general task of our revolution.

Firstly Comrade Kim Il Sung in his Political Programme put stress on implementing with all consistency the line of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence to consolidate the political independence of the country, build up more solidly the foundations of an independent national economy capable of ensuring the complete unification, independence and prosperity of our nation, and to increase the country's defence capabilities so as to safeguard the security of the fatherland reliably by our own force, by splendidly embodying our Party's ideas of *Juche* in all fields.

Our Party's ideas of *Juche* and principle of self-reliance are the revolutionary ideas and revolutionary principle consistently upheld from the period of the anti-Japanese armed struggle by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and people.

Comrade Kim Il Sung's revolutionary ideas, the ideas of *Juche*, are the most correct Marxist-Leninist ideas of leadership for successfully carrying out our revolution and construction and the invariable guiding principle of our Party and State in all their policies and activities.

In the Political Programme Comrade Kim Il Sung said: **"Only by firmly establishing Juche, can each country repudiate flunkeyism and dogmatism and creatively apply the universal truth of Marxism-Leninism and the experience of other countries to suit its historical conditions and national peculiarities, discard the spirit of relying on others and solve its own question entirely for itself on its own responsibility by displaying the spirit of self-reliance, and, accordingly, carry on its revolutionary cause and construction work with success."**

Laying stress on continuing to faithfully execute the Party's line of building an independent national economy and further strengthening the self-defence power of the country by carrying through the revolutionary principle of self-reliance in the economic sphere and in the upbuilding of national defence, Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"Self-reliance is a thoroughly revolutionary stand for a people to accomplish the revolution in their country basically by relying on their own internal forces. It is an independent stand to construct their country by their own labour and with their domestic natural resources.

Only by firmly maintaining such a revolutionary stand and revolutionary principle can we continue our struggle without abandoning our revolutionary constancy under whatever complex and arduous situation and attain victory in the revolutionary struggle and success in construction work by braving difficulties and hardships in the course of our onward movement."

Then the Political Programme clarified the line of the Government of the Republic on firmly preparing the people in the northern half of the Republic morally and materially so that they can always support the South Korean people in their sacred anti-U.S., national salvation struggle and meet the great revolutionary event actively, in order to liberate the people in South Korea and realize the unification of the fatherland.

Comrade Kim Il Sung stressed: **"We must accomplish the South Korean revolution and unify the fatherland in our generation and hand down a unified fatherland to the coming generations. We must quickly ripen all conditions for the realization of the unification of the fatherland."**

He said: **"The accomplishment of the great cause of the liberation of South Korea and the unification of the fatherland at the earliest possible date depends not only on how the revolutionary organizations and revolutionaries in South Korea expand and strengthen the revolutionary forces and how they fight the enemy but, in a large measure, on how the people in the northern half of the Republic prepare themselves to greet the great revolutionary event."**

The Political Programme also put forth the task of waging a vigorous struggle to revolutionize and working-classize all members of society including the peasants and intellectuals by further stepping up the ideological and cultural revolutions and enhancing the leading role of the working class under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Comrade Kim Il Sung said: **"To educate and remould the entire people and thereby revolutionize and working-classize the whole society is an important task of the dictatorship of the proletariat in our society where the exploiter classes have been liquidated and the socialist system has triumphed."**

Noting that the most important thing in revolutionizing and working-classizing all members of society through the ideological revolution is to arm the working people firmly with the Party's policies and thoroughly establish the unitary ideas of the Party among them, Comrade Premier emphasized that they should fight vehemently against all manifestations of unsound, counter-revolutionary ideological elements, think and act according to the ideas of the Workers' Party of Korea at any place and at any time and confidently march along the path indicated by the Party, without the slightest vacillation in any storm and stress.

He set forth the task of intensifying the education in the revolutionary traditions, one of the most powerful means in revolutionizing and working-classizing the working people, and making everyone model after the lofty, indomitable revolutionary spirit of the forerunners of the revolution and their noble traits as revolutionaries and actively pushing ahead with the education in socialist patriotism with the class education as its basis and the cultural revolution along with the ideological revolution.

In the next part Comrade Kim Il Sung gave programmatic teachings on eliminating bureaucracy and establishing the revolutionary mass viewpoint among the functionaries of the state and economic organs in order to enhance the functions and role of the people's power and actively organize and mobilize the broad masses of people for the revolution and construction.

In the Political Programme Comrade Kim Il Sung opened bright vistas of consolidating the foundations of the independent national economy of the country, further improving the people's livelihood and freeing the working people from arduous labour by continually holding to the policy of the Workers' Party of Korea for socialist industrialization and struggling to carry out the technical revolution in all fields of the national economy.

Comrade Premier pointed out that with the main emphasis on making an effective use of the already laid economic foundations through their proper readjustment and reinforcement and on normalizing production in all spheres along the basic line of economic development in our country at the present stage set by the Conference of the Workers' Party of Korea, we should undertake new capital construction in a big way for further expanding the economic foundations of the country, and in this way the productive forces of our country as a whole should be further developed and industrial production more than doubled in a few years. He put forth tasks for this realization in the fields of industry, agriculture, people's livelihood and labour administration work.

In the Political Programme Comrade Kim Il Sung then set forth the important tasks of fighting on stubbornly to step up the development of the country's science and technology and building socialist culture, adhering firmly to the ideas of *Juche* of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Pointing to further increasing the defence capabilities of the country to cope with the obtaining situation, Comrade Kim Il Sung said in the Political Programme: **"In order to make our defence capabilities invincible, the People's Army should continue to implement the policy of turning the whole army into an army of cadres and into a modern army and the people should, on their part, execute the policy of arming the entire people and fortifying the whole country without fail in accordance with the military line of the Party."**

Then the foreign policy of the Government of the Republic was expounded in the Political Programme.

Comrade Kim Il Sung again made clear in the Political Programme the firm stand of the Government of the Republic on establishing economic relations and developing foreign trade with other countries on the principles of proletarian internationalism, complete equality and mutual benefit.

Pointing to the formation of the socialist market and its significance and clarifying the genuine communist stand on international economic relations and foreign trade, he emphasized that in particular, the developed socialist countries should give more material assistance with no political strings attached and with no selfish motives, to the economically backward countries which aspire after socialism against imperialism, and thereby sincerely help these countries frustrate the economic blockade of the imperialist powers successfully and attain complete political and economic independence.

Comrade Kim Il Sung also affirmed the lines on fighting actively in defence of the interests and national rights of all the Korean compatriots abroad.

In conclusion the Political Programme solemnly declared: **"From the first days of the founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, we have consistently affirmed that we would promote friendly relations with all countries which oppose imperialist aggression, respect the liberty and independence of our people and desire to establish state relations with our country on an equal footing, and we will, in the future too, continue to hold fast to this principle in the field of foreign policy."**

The great 10-point Political Programme of Comrade Kim Il Sung is a bright light house illumining the road of victory ahead of our people and a banner of the great struggle of our people.

The historic Political Programme of the Government announced by great leader of the 40 million Korean people Comrade Kim Il Sung, the founder of the Workers' Party of Korea—the militant general staff of the Korean revolution—and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea—our glorious fatherland—and peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious iron-willed commander and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist movement and working class movement, who has been leading the Korean revolution along the road of victory for over 40 years, taking upon himself the destiny of the fatherland and the nation, is powerfully rousing to new great victory our people who are waging the heroic struggle for implementing the resolution of the Conference of the Workers' Party of Korea and giving great confidence and courage to the South Korean people who are raising the flames of the anti-U.S., national salvation struggle for the independent unification of the fatherland. The Political Programme is also boundlessly inspiring all our compatriots abroad including the 600,000 Korean compatriots in Japan who are valiantly fighting in defence of democratic, national rights and for the unification of the fatherland.

Internationally, the Political Programme of Comrade Kim Il Sung will greatly delight our friends who are fighting against imperialism and make the enemies tremble with fear and terror.

Premier Kim Il Sung's Article Inspires Revolutionary Peoples to Anti-U.S. Struggle

Today, because of his fidelity to the revolutionary principle of Marxism-Leninism, out-and-out anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. stand and outstanding theoretical and practical contribution to the development of the international communist movement, Premier Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the 40 million Korean people, is enjoying the absolute trust and high respect of the revolutionary peoples the world over.

His article "Let Us Step Up the Anti-Imperialist, Anti-U.S. Struggle" contributed to the first issue of "Tri-continental," the theoretical organ of OSPAAAL (the Organization of Solidarity of the Peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America) is causing great repercussions among them.

Following are instances of their repercussions:

The first issue of "Tri-continental," theoretical organ of the OSPAAAL, and other foreign publications which carried together with the portrait of the respected and beloved leader Premier Kim Il Sung, his article "Let Us Step Up the Anti-Imperialist, Anti-U.S. Struggle"

F. D. Bandaranaike, parliamentarian and prominent political figure of Ceylon, who has been to Korea on a goodwill visit, told a KCNA special correspondent:

The article of Premier Kim Il Sung published in the first issue of "Tri-continental," the theoretical organ of OSPAAAL, is a document giving an entirely correct and inspiring appraisal of the situation obtaining on the three continents of Asia, Africa and Latin America, the victories won by the Korean and Cuban peoples and the victories now being won by the Vietnamese people. And it gives a very correct definition of the dangerous nature of compromise with and capitulation to the imperialist forces.

Quoting the words from the article that **"Peace secured through slavish submission is not peace" and "We are opposed to the line of compromise with imperialism. At the same time, we cannot tolerate either the practice of only talking big of opposing imperialism, but, in deed, being afraid of fighting against imperialism. The latter is a line of compromise in an inverted form,"** he said that he was deeply impressed by these words.

He stressed that the article of Premier Kim Il Sung is a timely warning against the dangerous nature of compromise with imperialism.

After reading Premier Kim Il Sung's article "Let Us Step Up the Anti-Imperialist, Anti-U.S. Struggle" **Andreas Shipanga,** Member of the Executive Committee of the South-West African People's Organization and head of its mission in Cairo, said: Premier Kim Il Sung has made a great contribution to the cause of the Tri-continental peoples fighting against aggressive and truculent imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism headed by U.S. imperialism.

The article of Premier Kim Il Sung gives a great inspiration to the revolutionary peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America and all the peoples of the world fighting against imperialism headed by U.S. imperialism, at a time when the imperialists are running wild in war to "repress" the struggle of the Tri-continental peoples. This article is indisputably the most important document indicating a correct guiding compass of action and strategy and tactics for the cause of the revolutionary forces at the present juncture, Andreas Shipanga stressed.

Quoting the words of the Premier Kim Il Sung in the article that **"In order to fight against imperialism, it is important, first of all, to direct the spearhead of attack on U.S. imperialism, the ringleader of world imperialism,"** he said: Premier Kim Il Sung rightly stressed that today when U.S. imperialism is stretching its dirty hands of aggression all over the world, all the revolutionaries should spearhead attack against U.S. imperialism, the enemy of the people.

Premier Kim Il Sung illuminated historic truth when he said: **"The oppressed peoples can liberate themselves through their struggle only. This is a simple and clear truth confirmed by history. It is necessary to expose the false propaganda of the imperialists and thoroughly dissipate the illusion that the imperialists will give away their positions in the colonies and dependent countries with good grace".** This truth has also been confirmed by the history of South-West Africa, he declared.

The words of Premier Kim Il Sung on the revolutionary struggle in our era are a great contribution to our struggle as well as to the struggle of the oppressed peoples of all continents, he stressed.

We are firmly standing on the side of the Korean people led by Marshal Kim Il Sung who are struggling to liberate the southern half of the country, which has been converted into a colony of U.S. imperialism, he declared, and went on:

The glorious struggle of the Korean people under the leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung always inspires the South-West African people.

Because we have Premier Kim Il Sung as the helmsman in the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle, we are confident that we will surely win victory in the joint endeavours and joint struggle for burying imperialism, achieving human progress and genuine peace and creating a new world, he declared in conclusion.

Jap. Side Should Accept Proposals of DPRK Red Cross Society Without Delay

EDITORIAL

The Korea-Japan Red Cross talks held in Colombo are now being confronted with grave difficulties because of the vicious disruptive machinations of the Japanese side.

Expressing on Jan. 2 the view on a draft joint communique presented by the DPRK Red Cross Society, the Japanese side shamelessly clamoured that "what is necessary at the current talks is to hear the explanation of the Japanese Government's plan and for the Korean side to assent to it, and there can be no question of whether or not an agreement should be reached between the two delegations."

Furthermore, the Japanese side took a provocative attitude, distorting what has been discussed over the last month or more and saying that as the plan of the Japanese Government is a domestic administrative measure from the beginning, it is not a matter to be discussed at the current talks.

The attitude of the Japanese side is an extremely wicked, traitorous act no one can see at international talks.

These facts clearly show that the Japanese side is extremely afraid of reaching an agreement at the current talks and is most viciously scheming to disrupt the present talks and completely destroy the repatriation operation.

The attitude of the Japanese side is part of its hostile policy toward the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and an undisguised provocative act against the 600,000 Korean residents in Japan, demanding the continuation of the repatriation work, the Japanese people and the people of the world who value justice and humanitarianism.

We resolutely condemn with burning national indignation the unjustifiable manoeuvres of the Japanese side to wreck the Colombo Red Cross talks and undermine the repatriation service.

Originally, the repatriation work of Korean residents in Japan is part of the work of the Japanese side to atone for the past crimes committed by the Japanese imperialists against the Korean people, and the Japanese Government assumes its legal and moral responsibility for ensuring the repatriation work for Koreans here to the last with responsibility.

Despite this, the Japanese authorities not only scrapped unilaterally the repatriation agreement which smoothly ensured the repatriation work for 8 years, but also scuttled the Moscow talks and are now seeking to bring the Colombo talks to a rupture.

The machinations of the Japanese side issue from its schemes to use the repatriation work of Korean residents in Japan, a humanitarian work, as a political bait in its dealings with the Pak Jung Hi clique.

In particular, in keeping with the fact that the Japanese authorities invited to Japan on Jan. 4 a "civilian mission" of the Pak Jung Hi clique in an attempt to strengthen further its political and military ties with the latter, the Japanese side is making shameless efforts to break off the Colombo talks.

We cannot recognize these manoeuvres of the Japanese authorities.

With whatever excuses, the Japanese authorities cannot justify their unjust machinations.

The Japanese authorities should lend an ear to the unanimous demand of the Korean and Japanese peoples and the world's people, immediately discontinue their obstructionist machinations against the repatriation work of Koreans here, accept the just proposals of our side at once and make the Colombo talks successful.

Marshal Kim Il Sung said in the 10 point Political Programme as follows:

"At present, a movement is widespread among our fellow countrymen in Japan for their continued repatriation. To return to their homeland is a legitimate national right of the Korean citizens in Japan which no one is entitled to deprive them of. There still remain large numbers of Korean citizens in Japan who want to come back to their fatherland, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea."

Upholding the teachings of Marshal Kim Il Sung, Korean residents in Japan will safeguard the repatriation route opened by him, beating back the disruptive machinations of the reactionaries at home and abroad.

If the Japanese Government should ignore the just demand of the Korean and Japanese peoples and the people of the world and bring the Colombo talks to a deadlock, thereby wrecking the repatriation work, it will be unable to escape more staunch denunciation by the honest-minded people of the world, to say nothing of the Korean and Japanese peoples, and will be made to bear a more grave responsibility for it.

Upholding Political Programme

People Boosting Production; Innovations Created

During the first shift of the New Year 1968, the workers at the Hwanghai Iron Works, one of the biggest iron and steel works of the DPRK, turned out pig iron at 102 per cent, steel 100.1 per cent, steel materials 108 per cent and coke 108 per cent of the production quota for the shift, said the first report reaching here from Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK.

The report said, the working people in the northern half of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea saw in the New Year 1968 with firm determination to thoroughly carry out the great 10 point Political Programme of the DPRK Government announced by Premier Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader at the First Session of the Fourth Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK held last year.

The report continued, the workers at the Chullima Combined Workshop of the iron works came out in their workshop earlier than usual and prepared for the start of the work for the New Year.

When the start of the New Year was announced, the workers promptly began their work in the determined spirit of fully accomplishing the Seven Year Plan.

The report said, the workers waged a resolute labour struggle, well aware that one ton more of iron will further contribute to driving the U.S. imperialists out of South Korea and rescuing the South Korean brothers.

A new revolutionary upsurge is now enveloping the iron works, the report added.

Another report from Pyongyang said, the Heungnam Combined Fertilizer Factory registered a 105 per cent overfulfilment of the production plan for the first New Year Day.

The fertilizer factory is located at Hamheung City in the industrial belt of the East Coast.

The factory was last year equipped with the modern anthracite gasification system and fertilizer system.

The report added, the workers at the fertilizer factory marked the New Year with firm determination to thoroughly fulfil the tasks presented in the grand Seven-Year Plan.

They registered their first victory in production of fertilizer for the New Year, bearing deep in mind their responsibility of implementing the tasks of the "Theses on the Socialist Agrarian Question in Our Country" presented by Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the 40 million Korean people.

Another dispatch from Pyongyang disclosed that the February 8 Madong Cement Factory overfulfiled their first shift production assignment by finishing their daily plans at 118 per cent.

The workers at the cement factory overfulfilled their annual production plans last year, while defending their factory and land from the aggression of the enemy, with a hammer or a sickle in one hand and a rifle in the other.

New records, new stan ards are being set up in the cement factory from the start of the New Year, added the report.

Late reports said, all the working people are continuously advancing forward, making continuous innovations in production, upholding the Political Programme announced by the Leader, while taking a hammer or sickle in one hand and a rifle in the other, after winning the first victory in production struggle of the New Year.

Steel workers at the Kangsun Steel Works rushing quantities of seamless steel pipes to economic construction and defense buildup sites

20th Armed Forces Day Will Be Celebrated

The working people, upholding the great 10-point Political Programme of the DPRK Government announced by Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great leader, are now bringing about a big innovation movement in all the domains of the national economy, continuously advancing, reports from Pyongyang said.

They are now going to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Army, the revolutionary armed forces of the Korean people, founded and commanded by Marshal Kim Il Sung, ever victorious iron willed commander and outstanding strategist, which falls on Feb. 8 this year.

The KPA, founded on Feb. 8, 1948, with as its core the veterans of the anti-Japanese armed struggle led by Marshal Kim Il Sung, firmly defended the fatherland from the aggression of U.S. imperialism in the Patriotic War of Liberation, smashing asunder the "myth" about its "world's mightiest troops"

In the postwar 14 years the KPA under the command of Marshal Kim Il Sung has grown into all-conquering, modern armed forces as the genuine armed forces of the Korean people, safely guarding the socialist fatherland against the ever-more intensified aggressive designs of U.S. imperialism.

The KPA is fully prepared to cope with any type of modern warfare, each member capable of handling 100 enemies, and are ready to kick the U.S. imperialists out of South Korea.

The workers of the Pyongyang Electric Locomotive Factory who set out on the New Year's battles with the pride of having overfulfilled their production plan for last year by 80 per cent, are raising the flames of technical innovation with the resolve to put on the rails of the fatherland more electric locomotives "Boolgeungi" (red flag) before the 20th Armed Forces Day, a report said.

A National Workers Art Festival opened on Jan. 12 in Pyongyang which would present works showing the brilliant leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the 40 million Korean people, and reflecting the boundless respect and reverence for and fidelity of the working class to the Leader, said a report.

Lecture meetings and round-table discussions are taking place on a large scale at industrial establishments, cooperative farms, offices, schools and residential areas, said reports.

Reports from Pyongyang said, hard military training is under way in factories, offices, cooperative farms, schools, and so on, while resolute increased production struggle is being waged throughout the country.

The Worker-Peasant Red Militiamen are standing in the van of the increased production struggle and military training, according to a report from the capital of the DPRK.

They are making a deep study of the great 10-point Political Programme of the DPRK Government announced by Marshal Kim Il Sung and working hard to arm themselves with the revolutionary traditions.

Late reports said, the League of Socialist Working Youth is going to sponsor oratorial contests, poem recitals and story readings on the theme of the heroic struggle of the People's Army and the ideas of unity of the Army and the people and organize defence sports and military games.

The reports revealed, the spectacular defence sports games marking the 20th Armed Forces Day will be held soon with participation of the Worker-Peasant Red Militiamen throughout the country.

Radio stations are broadcasting various programmes on the boundless fidelity to the Leader and mass heroism displayed by the men and officers of the Korean People's Army.

Other mass media, including newspapers, weeklies, and magazines, are printing editorials, commentaries and memorials about the same subject, adding to the revolutionary upsurge now in full swing throughout the country in economic construction and defence buildup, with the 20th Armed Forces Day approaching.

Fighting men of the Korean People's Army founded and commanded by Marshal Kim Il Sung, are now intensifying combat training with determination to thrust the bayonet of revenge through the bosom of U.S. imperialism, with the 20th Feb. 8 Armed Forces Day approaching.

Elimination For Winter Olympics Held

PYONGYANG, Jan.9 (KCNA)—National elimination contests for the 10th Winter Olympics and the 1968 World Women's Speed Skating Championships were held on the Daidong River in Pyongyang on Jan. 7 and 8.

Merited Sportswoman Han Pil Hwa of the Pyongyang City Sports Team came first in the women's 1,000 metre, 1,500 metre and 3,000 metre events and skater Pak Sung Woon of the same team first in the men's 1,500 metre, 5,000 metre and 10,000 metre events, standing first each in the total.

The second and third places in the men's events went to Kim Jin Kook of the February 8 Sports Team and Li Do Joo of the Pyongyang Sports City Team, and in the women's events Ko Kwang Ja and Ko Kyong Hi of the Pyongyang City Sports Team came second and third.

South Korean Soldiers Want Unified Korea:

"We Should Have Marshal Kim Il Sung as Leader"

With his heart full of surging emotions and excitement, an ex-South Korean puppet army soldier Kim Seung Ho, at a Pyongyang welcome meeting, declared, "I extend the greatest honour and warmest thanks to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great leader who has brought me a bright future and happiness of today," and could not speak any more, with tears on his face. Words stuck in his throat.

Shaking off his past shameful life in the puppet army, he risked his life to cross the DMZ, with a firm conviction that he could find happiness only in the bosom of Marshal Kim Il Sung.

The same feelings are shared by men and officers of the 600,000-strong "ROK" army which is a mere tool for maintaining the disintegrating colonial rule of U.S. imperialism and the Pak Jung Hi clique and is a victim of their policy of aggression and war.

"Marshal Kim Il Sung Is Peerless Patriot..."

Seeing long rows of well-built, modern slate-roofed houses in the portion of the northern half of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea across the barbed wires of the DMZ, South Korean puppet army soldiers standing sentinel over the area, whisper to each other, "The society in the North has made remarkable developments and people there live happily. It is because Marshal Kim Il Sung is governing well there."

They say, "Today, Marshal Kim Il Sung who fought in the Manchurian Plains and the Paikdoo peaks at the time of Japanese imperialist occupation, is governing in the North. People there feel no worry about food, clothes and housing, and enjoy life as masters of the land, with free universal education and free medical service enforced."

Expressing his respect and adoration for Marshal Kim Il Sung, a peasant-turned private said, "People say that electricity, coal, machine and other heavy industries have already reached the levels of advanced countries. I bet that we can reconstruct our destroyed economy with the help of the powerful economy in the North."

In a broad daylight, pointing to the tractors of a cooperative farm tilling the land, in the portion of the northern half, a South Korean puppet army soldier said to his comrades-in-arms, "Look, machine is doing the job of men. I would like to go over to the North."

A certain veteran seargent told his men, newly enlisted from the countryside a story about Marshal Kim Il Sung during the anti-Japanese armed struggle, saying, "Marshal Kim Il Sung is Protean and runs 1,000 *ri* (about 400 kilometers) at one bound, makes bombs from pine cones and explodes the enemy positions to pieces." With wonder in their eyes, the young enlisted men listened attentively to his superior's story, increasing their love for Marshal Kim Il Sung.

The veteran continued, "Marshal Kim Il Sung's army is swiftly moving, attacking the enemy with deadly punches and is invulnerable."

Referring to the glorious Korean People's Army founded and commanded by Marshal Kim Il Sung, which inherits the brilliant revolutionary traditions of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, an unidentified "ROK" army soldier said to his fellow soldiers, when patroling the DMZ area, "I heard that there is no 'scourge' nor 'cudgel' in the Korean People's Army and its men and officers are firmly united with each other."

He added, "I will go over to the side of the People's Army when another war breakes out."

Spread of "Song of General Kim Il Sung"

In this way, stories about Marshal Kim Il Sung and the socialist system which is daily prospering and developing under his wise guidance, are spreading among men and officers of the 600,000-strong South Korean puppet army stationed in various parts of South Korea, who are deeping their love for and respect for the respected and beloved leader, with stronger longings for the socialist system.

Their love and respect for the Leader, coupled with long smouldering complaints about and discontents with the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique, are strengthening their desire for early unification of the fatherland.

Five privates belonging to a certain puppet "division," shouted before 500 of his comrades-in-arms, "Long live Marshal Kim Il Sung, peerless patriot and great leader of the nation!" "Long live the Democratic People's Republic of Korea! "Point your guns at Pak Jung Hi!" and "Execute Pak Jung Hi!"

Declaring to his men that they should fight on, upholding the teachings of Marshal Kim Il Sung if they were to get rid of today's miserable plight, some officer made three cheers, "Long live Marshal Kim Il Sung," exposing the crimes of U.S. imperialist troops against Koreans.

An increasing number of South Korean puppet army privates and conscientious puppet officers are getting relief and drawing hope from Radio Pyongyang broadcasts and seeking their future in the socialist system under the wise leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung.

They are following Marshal Kim Il Sung as the sunflower follows the sun and longing for the socialist system in the northern half and singing the "Song of Marshal Kim Il Sung." Shouting "Long live Marshal Kim Il Sung!" in their minds, they are telling each other, "We have to unify the country as soon as possible and have Marshal Kim Il Sung as our Leader," all the more because they find miserable and intolerable the puppet army life imposed upon by the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique.

Chun Kyung Il, 27, recent defector from the puppet army who is now in the northern half of the Republic said, "Through their experience the South Koreans know well that they could not improve their living conditions without changing the society. They are keeping up their struggle against the U.S. imperialists, the basic obstacle in the way to national unification, and the Pak Jung Hi clique, considering as their lighthouse the northern half where Marshal Kim Il Sung lives and where all the people are equal and live happily."

All the men and officers of the South Korean puppet army must direct their guns at the U.S. imperialists, the sworn enemy of the Korean people, and the Pak Jung Hi clique and join the struggle of their families, relatives, brothers and sisters against the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique.

The day will surely come when the South Korean people will be able to live a happy life in the warm bosom of Marshal Kim Il Sung, peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious iron-willed commander and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist movement and working-class movement, and the great leader of the 40 million Korean people.

After Going to North

Ex-"ROK" PFC Meets Father

"It is really you, Kyung Il!"

"Father!"

With this, Kyung Il threw himself in the warm bosom of his father who was rushing forward with his arms open.

Finding no words, overwhelmed with joy and emotions, the father and son hugged each other tightly for some time for the first time after 18 years' separation which was imposed upon by the U.S. imperialists.

In a cosy room of the modern house where the fatherland, Yong Bong, is living, the father and son spoke about what they experienced for a long time under different social systems.

Chun Kyung Il, 27, a former South Korean puppet army soldier, recently went over to the northern half of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, to be embraced in the bosom of the prosperous socialist fatherland guided by Marshal Kim Il Sung, shaking off his disgraceful life in the puppet army.

Chun Kyung Il was on Jan. 5 reunited with his father in the City of Hamheung, a leading industrial city in the East Coast, after separation of 18 years, thanks to the sincere efforts of functionaries of the local government organs and people.

His reunion with his father was another big wonderful present to him from Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the 40 million Korean people.

Chun Kyung Il's family, given land under the people's power led by Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great leader, after the Liberation, led a happy life in Sokcho *ri*, Sokcho-*eup*, Yangyang county, Kangwon Province of South Korea.

When the U.S. imperialists launched the Korean War and invaded their native place, their family were forcibly separated from each other, some in the North and others in the South.

The father said to his son while embracing his son tenderly, "Kyung Il, to whom we owe it that we father and son could be reunited with each other so happily today? This is thanks to the benevolence of Premier Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader.

"He established this socialist system in our country and provided all of our people with a happy life."

Saying this, father Yong Bong shouted, "Long live Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the 40 million Korean people."

Kyung Il and villagers who were there shouted *Manse* (hurrahs) at the top of their voices, looking up to the portrait of Marshal Kim Il Sung which was hung respectfully on the wall.

"Well, how is your mother getting along?"

"Mother is suffering from all kinds of hardships owing to the tyranny of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges Pak Jung Hi clique."

The U.S. imperialist aggressors, brigands and human butchers, and their stooges, the Pak Jung Hi clique, a pack of traitors to the country and nation, killed in cold blood my uncle and elder and younger sisters, labelling them as "Reds," he said.

All people there renewed their determination to drive the U.S. imperialist aggressors, who have imposed misfortunes upon the Korean people, out of South Korea at the earliest date and bring earlier the day of the unification of the fatherland.

Yong Bong told his son how the people in the northern half of the Republic are leading a happy life in the warm bosom of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Leader.

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Statement of C.C. of UDFF

Flays Jap. Side's Scheme to Break Up Colombo Talks

PYONGYANG, Jan. 10 (KCNA)—The C.C. of the United Democratic Fatherland Front issued a statement today in connection with the fact that the Korea-Japan Red Cross talks now being held in Colombo to discuss the question of the repatriation of Korean citizens in Japan are faced with a grave difficulty owing to the malicious subversive machinations of the Japanese side.

Noting that recently the Japanese side is scheming all the more viciously to bring the Korea Japan Red Cross talks in Colombo to a rupture, the statement declared that this is part of the hostile policy toward the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and an open challenge to the 600,000 Korean citizens in Japan and the Korean and Japanese peoples who are demanding the continuation of the repatriation operation and to the progressive people of the whole world who value justice and humanitarianism.

The statement said:

In the name of the entire Korean people, the Central Committee of the United Democratic Fatherland Front bitterly condemns resolutely protests against and denounces the reckless machinations of the Japanese authorities who are trying hard to scuttle the Colombo talks and wreck the repatriation operation of Korean citizens in Japan.

As is publicly known, our side put forth at the first day session of the Colombo Korea Japan Red Cross talks most fair and aboveboard turning point measures run through with the paternal solicitude and warm compatriotic love for the compatriots in Japan of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the 40 million Korean people, and the Government of the Republic.

These proposals reflect the ardent desire of our people to embrace in the bosom of the socialist fatherland the compatriots in Japan, who were forced to cross to Japan owing to the Japanese imperialists' occupation of Korea and their colonial enslavement policy, and to share a happy life with them, and also fully accord with the will of the 600,000 compatriots in Japan who see their happy future in the prosperity and development of the Republic under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung.

This notwithstanding, the Japanese side has viciously tried by all means and methods to sabotage the repatriation work of Korean compatriots in Japan, taking an extremely insincere and arrogant attitude from the beginning toward the fair and aboveboard proposals of our side.

Pointing out that today the Sato clique of Japan are not only maliciously scheming to wreck the repatriation operation of Korean citizens in Japan but are intensifying in a more outrageous way than ever before their bestial suppression of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (CHONGRYUN) and the Korean citizens in Japan, the statement said that the manoeuvres of the Sato clique of Japan who are trying to wreck the repatriation work of Korean compatriots in Japan and wantonly trampling underfoot their democratic, national rights are designed to strengthen their political and military tie up with the Pak Jung Hi clique at the instigation of U.S. imperialism and to further step up in real earnest the reinvasion of South Korea.

The statement stressed:

With no machinations, however, can the Sato clique of Japan block the sea route of the repatriation to the fatherland of Korean citizens in Japan who desire to lead a happy life in the bosom of the Republic guided by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader, nor can they trample underfoot or obliterate the sacred democratic, national rights of Korean compatriots in Japan, proud overseas citizens of the DPRK.

Today the Korean citizens in Japan, rallied close around Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the 40 million Korean people, are waging a stubborn struggle to defend the right to repatriation and all other democratic, national rights.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader, pointed out at the historic First Session of the Fourth Supreme People's Assembly as follows: **"We will continue to fight stubbornly against all the unwarranted acts of infringing upon the national rights of the overseas Korean citizens and persecuting and humiliating them, and will always resolutely support and inspire our overseas compatriots in their just struggle."**

The Japanese authorities must give up at once the criminal machinations to wreck the repatriation operation of Korean citizens in Japan and accept unconditionally and without delay the proposals put forth by our side at the Colombo Korea-Japan Red Cross talks.

The Korean people solemnly warn that if the Sato clique of Japan rupture the Colombo talks for discussing the question of the repatriation of Korean compatriots in Japan and wreck the repatriation operation in disregard of the just demand of the peoples of Korea and Japan and the progressive peoples of the world, they will not be able to escape a stern judgement of history and the people, stressed the statement in conclusion.

DPRK Foreign Office Spokesman

Condemns Jap. Gov't Intensified Suppression of CHONGRYUN

PYONGYANG, Jan. 12 (KCNA)—The spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued a statement today in connection with the ever more vicious fascist suppression committed of late by the reactionary Sato Government of Japan against the organization of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (CHONGRYUN) and the Korean citizens in Jap n.

The statement reads in full:

The reactionary Sato Government of Japan has lately been committing fascist suppression more virulently against the organization of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (CHONGRYUN) and the Korean citizens in Japan.

At dawn Dec. 24 last year the Japanese reactionaries raided the office of the Koto Branch, Shiga Prefecture, of CHONGRYUN, and four days after, at dawn Dec. 28, again assaulted the office of the Kohoku Branch, Shiga Prefecture, of CHONGRYUN.

These packs of reactionaries instigated by the Japanese authorities stormed into the offices after smashing their locked doors and destroyed and looted furniture and articles at random.

On the night of Jan. 2 hoodlums broke into the Nakaosaka Korean Primary-Middle School and set fire to its building after spraying gasoline, reducing to ashes the two-storey school building with a floor space of more than 130 square metres.

These are a link in the chains of the systematic and organized intrigues of the reactionary Sato Government of Japan to destroy the CHONGRYUN organization and stamp out the democratic, national rights of the Korean citizens in Japan.

Some time ago, the Japanese authorities imprisoned guiltless Korean citizens in Japan by fabricating the so-called "case of North Korean spy" and openly perpetrated the brigandish act of raiding the head office and Ueno branch office of the Dongwha Credit Association of Korean citizens in Japan, under the absurd pretext of "investigating" suspicion of "tax evasion," by mobilizing over 500 fully armed police and more than 200 revenue officers.

It is by no means fortuitous that the reactionary Sato Government of Japan committed such criminal acts at a time when it is trying to undermine the Korea-Japan Red Cross talks in Colombo to wreck the repatriation operation of Korean citizens in Japan while having secret political confabs every day with the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

This clearly shows that the Japanese militarists who have stretched the tentacles of reinvasion to South Korea in real earnest under the aegis of U.S. imperialism are trying to secure one more lever in their political bargaining with the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

The Government of the DPRK and the entire Korean people resolutely condemn with surging indignation the criminal manoeuvrings of the reactionary Sato Government of Japan.

The Japanese authorities must protect the Korean citizens in Japan as foreigners in accordance with international law and international practice and put an immediate end to all acts of persecution and suppression against them.

With no machination can the reactionary Sato Government of Japan arrest the struggle of the Korean citizens in Japan for defending their democratic, national rights or destroy CHONGRYUN, their legal organization.

The Korean citizens in Japan are not Koreans of yesterday when they were humiliated without having the country of their own. They have the Democratic People's Republic of Korea—the socialist fatherland daily prospering and developing under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the 40 million Korean people.

The Government of the DPRK regards it as its sacred duty to protect the Korean citizens in Japan and defend their democratic, national rights.

We will fight to the end against all the illegal machinations of the Japanese authorities who encroach upon the national rights of the Korean citizens in Japan and persecute and insult them.

Cuban Embassy Refutes "A.P."

—On Distorting Kim Jin Soo Problem—

The Cuban Embassy in Japan issued a statement on Jan. 11 in connection with a false A.P. report concerning the fact that American-naturalized Korean youth Kim Jin Soo, who lived in the Cuban Embassy for nine months as a political refugee, refusing to serve in the U.S. imperialists' war of aggression in Vietnam, left the Embassy of his own accord and is no longer there.

The statement reads in full:

The Tokyo Embassy of the Republic of Cuba wishes to inform the people of Japan that Mr. Kim Jin Soo, who on Apr. 3, 1967 asked for political asylum at the Embassy, left this Embassy of his own accord on Dec. 29.

On the same day, the Embassy telephoned the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan of this fact. On Jan. 9, the Cuban Ambassador to Japan, Mr. Manuel Cuervo Mendez was called to the office of Mr. Ryuchi Ando of the Foreign Office, Latin American Affairs and Emigration Bureau, and confirmed the disappearance of Mr. Kim Jin Soo.

The Cuban Embassy states that, on behalf of the Revolutionary Government of Cuba, it guaranteed political asylum for Mr. Kim Jin Soo, on the firm principle based on justice and principles of humanity, maintained by our Government. Mr. Kim's attitude was regarded as right and just because he was standing firmly against the criminal and dirty war that the United States is carrying on against the heroic people of Vietnam. It is our opinion that Mr. Kim Jin Soo left the Embassy because after nine months of isolation he felt frustrated and alone and lost the hope of finding a legal way of leaving Japan.

It is necessary to categorically deny the false statement appearing in paragraph 3 of the A.P. release that the Cuban Embassy asked Japanese assistance in locating Mr. Kim. The Embassy at no time would take any such action, which would be completely contrary to the principles of the Republic of Cuba. A further misstatement appears in paragraph 6. Mr. Kim came to the Embassy on Apr. 3, and the Foreign Office of Japan was informed on Apr. 4, not on 14, as A.P. states.

The Embassy strongly protests this release, as the Embassy it regards as a malicious distortion of facts which is A.P.'s consistent practice, and demands that the public be informed of the truth.

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